



RLA Kids Weekly Devotional Guide

May 3, 2020

Remember: this guide is meant to help facilitate conversations and engagement with Jesus throughout the week, so don't feel like you need to do this all in one day!

What We're Learning This Week

"GOD'S GOOD THROUGH HARD THINGS" PHILIPPIANS 1:12-18

Our lesson this week covers Philippians 1:12-18, where we discuss God's good work in and through Christians, and we take a deeper look at some of the good works that Paul highlights in these verses.

Before we meet together on Sunday

- Initiate and/or continue conversations as a family regarding everything going on in our world today, how your kids are feeling and processing it all, and how they can still trust in the promises of God through it all. Read through the [Family Resources for Current Events](#) page for equipping and resources for all of that.

After the kids watch the video on Sunday

Discipleship Through Scripture and Conversation

- Talk to your kids about the Bible lesson they watched on video. Ask them to explain what they learned/what stuck out to them in the video, and expand upon the truths of the Bible that they are bringing up. Some helpful conversations this week could be:
 1. Paul was in prison, but he says that being there has "really served to advance the gospel."
 - Why does Paul say that what has happened to him (being put in prison) has helped to advance the Gospel? How can that be?
 - How can you be faithful to share the Gospel with the people in your life or the people around you? What fears or hesitations do you have in that, and what part of God's character speaks into those things? What does it mean to have courage when sharing the Gospel?
 - What are ways that you have seen God work in good ways throughout bad, sad, or tough situations this week? This year? Your whole life?
 2. Paul also mentions that people are opposing him for their own selfish gain, but that God is still working to advance the Gospel despite their selfishness.

- How can the Gospel go forward even through broken or selfish people? How are we like the selfish people Paul is talking about, and what can we confess to God? How do we know God will meet us with forgiveness?
- How is the cross and resurrection the greatest example of God doing something good despite a bad or hard circumstance? What do we learn about who God is?

3. Additional resources for Preteen students:

- Watch [this video](#) from the Bible Project on the book of Philippians.

Discipleship through prayer

- Spend time this week praising God for the resurrection of Jesus and what it means! Pray for salvation for those who do not know God. Pray for the joy and hope of the resurrection to permeate our world and our city. Continue to pray for everything surrounding coronavirus - for safety, for healing, for unity, and for specific people you can serve as a family.
- Ask each member of your family - adults included - to share one thing they would like prayer over. Have someone to pray for that person's request. Encourage your family to pray for that person for the entire week.

What's Coming Up?

- Follow us on Instagram for daily story time! Our handle is [@RealityLAKids](#)
- Stay connected by joining the [RLA Kids page on RLA Connect](#)
- Continue to be informed through the [Family Resources for Current Events](#) page for equipping and resources for all of that.

Do Your Kids Have Questions About the Video? Want to See Something on the Videos?

We love hearing from you! You can email kids@realityla.com at any time with any feedback or questions that your kids have about the video lesson (or any of your thoughts)...we would love to read some on our next video and answer them! We also them want to see us be silly, so send suggestions in and we will see what we can do. We also love to be praying with and alongside your family, so please send over prayer requests as well (those will be kept off screen, we just want to pray with and for you.)